

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 309

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Margaret S. Holley upon her induction into the Jonesborough Genealogical Society Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to salute those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Margaret S. Holley, the historian for the Knob Creek Community of Washington County, Tennessee, is one such deserving person, who will be inducted into the Jonesborough Genealogical Society Hall of Fame on April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, Mrs. Holley served on the board of the Washington County Historical Association, including service as president as well as a founding member of today's association. She has also been active in the Boones Creek Historical Trust, where she has served in an officer's position; and

WHEREAS, along with her husband, George, Margaret Holley owns and operates the Pioneer Homestead, which was founded in the 1770s and is a century farm that includes the Knob Creek Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Knob Creek Museum holds the Sherfey cabin, a part of the museum complex built sometime before 1777. The cabin and seventeen acres were purchased by farm founder David Preston Sherfey around 1885; and

WHEREAS, following the death of his first wife, Mary C. Miller, David Sherfey married Isabell Krouse. The Sherfeys grew hay, tobacco, fruit trees, a variety of vegetables, and livestock; and

WHEREAS, David and Isabell Sherfey's son, John A. Sherfey, became the next owner of the farm, and with his wife, Lelia Watson Sherfey, and their two children, he continued to raise livestock, hay, corn, tobacco, and truck crops; and

WHEREAS, the granddaughter of the farm's founders, Margaret Sherfey Holley opened the main museum building, which houses artifacts of the Sherfey and Krouse families, in 1986; and

WHEREAS, on the main museum grounds is also a caboose purchased from CSX, which displays photographs and memorabilia, in honor of the four generations of the Holley family who worked for the railroad; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Holley has also worked with the Jonesborough Genealogical Society to produce a genealogy and history center in the Washington County-Jonesborough Library, where members worked for over 1,000 hours to produce a vertical files section as well as a variety of books for the public to use; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holley's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person, Margaret Holley often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Holley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Margaret S. Holley upon her induction into the Jonesborough Genealogical Society Hall of Fame, commend her for her years of work in

preservation and her commitment to Washington County, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.